

REMARKS

In response to the last amendment filed in the above-identified application, a telephone interview was initiated by Examiner Sheng on September 5, 2006, in which further amendments to the claims were discussed in order to place the instant application in condition for allowance. In a follow-up e-mail communication on the same date, the Examiner summarized the amendments discussed and indicated that the instant case could be put in condition for allowance upon implementation of the amendments as discussed.

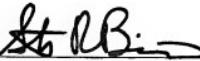
In response, and in order to place the instant application in condition for allowance, claim 7 is herewith cancelled, without prejudice, and claim 1 has been amended in order to provide structural clarification as to the location of the first switch. Additionally, claims 1, 4, 5 and 6 have been amended in order to consistently recite the second transistor connected in series as the "cascode transistor", a term which finds support in the specification and which is now used consistently throughout the claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application, as amended to incorporate the changes

proposed by the Examiner to place the case in condition for allowance, is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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